



To: Superintendent of Schools

From: Chief Operating Officer

Date: December 11, 2020

Re: Response to motion

[By Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent develop a plan to share with the committee as to how the district will address new DESE requirement that all in-person students receive flu shots by December 30.

We have partnered with CVS to offer influenza vaccines to our students, families, and staff members. Individuals, over the age of three with an insurance card, qualify for the flu shots. We have completed 10 various school flu clinics thus far and have 5 more scheduled through 12/15. The upcoming clinics are listed below. In total 618 people have received the flu vaccine at our school clinics.

As of 12/11/20, 3,950 K-12 students in Lowell have received the flu vaccine. The nurses in the school track compliance with the requirement. Parents can send a copy of the flu shot record or text/email it to the school nurse. Even students who are in remote learning have been encouraged to get their flu shot in order to be prepared for an eventual return to school. There is a particular priority for those who are presently in on-campus slots to get their flu shot. Nurses are also focused on getting the initial 25% of students vaccinated as well. It is required that the nurses follow the protocol of three notifications to parents who have not yet vaccinated their children before they can be considered for exclusion from school.

Communication regarding the clinics has been sent out on multiple occasions to parents/staff through our Connect Ed system, our district website, and social media accounts. Principals are also sending out information via their typical communication forums on a continuous basis. Each school nurse is also following up with parents to make sure they are aware that the flu shot is required. All of these messages are translated and accessible.

12/11	Butler	3-5:30 (cafe)
12/11	Wang	3-5:30 (gym)
12/12	LHS	9-1:00 (cafe)
12/14	LHS	3-5:30 (cafe)
12/15	LHS	3-5:30 (cafe)